Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A region selection device which ~~select~~ selects one region from among a plurality of regions displayed on a display screen, said device comprising:

coordinate input means for inputting coordinate information to the display screen;

a region table which stores attributes of the plurality of regions;

display means for displaying the plurality of regions on the display screen ~~according to~~ in accordance with the attributes stored in the region table;

region rearrangement means for rearranging the plurality of regions on the display screen in accordance with at least one feature parameter thereof that is at least one of the attributes of the plurality of regions; and

region selection means for ~~, when the regions displayed on the display screen lie on top of one another, selecting a predetermined region according to priorities corresponding to a feature parameter which is at least one of the attributes of the plurality of regions~~ selecting a region by sequentially comparing a coordinate that is input via the coordinate input means with at least one of the regions rearranged by the region rearrangement means, when the regions displayed by the display screen lie on top of one another.

2. (Currently Amended) The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the region table stores information ~~for invalidating the~~ indicating whether editing of a region is prohibited as one of the attributes.

3. (Currently Amended) The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the region selection means first decides whether ~~or not the~~ a border of a region is selected and then decides whether ~~the~~ an inside of the region is selected.

4. (Currently Amended) The region selection device according to claim 3, wherein the region table stores information ~~for invalidating the~~ indicating whether editing of a region is prohibited as one of the attributes.

5. (Currently Amended) The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one feature parameter ~~is~~ comprises an area of each region.

6. (Currently Amended) The region selection device according to claim ~~4~~ 5, wherein the region table stores information ~~for invalidating the~~ indicating whether editing of a region is prohibited as one of the attributes.

7. (Currently Amended) The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one feature parameter ~~is~~ comprises a perimeter of each region.

8. (Currently Amended) The region selection device according to claim 7, wherein the region table stores information ~~for invalidating the~~ indicating whether editing of a region is prohibited as one of the attributes.

9. (Currently Amended) The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one feature parameter ~~is~~ comprises both ~~of~~ an area and a perimeter of each region.

10. (Currently Amended) The region selection device according to claim 9, wherein the region table stores information ~~for invalidating the~~ indicating whether editing of a region is prohibited as one of the attributes.

11. (Currently Amended) A region selecting method of selecting one region from among a plurality of regions displayed on a display screen comprising:

inputting coordinate information to the display screen;

displaying the plurality of regions on the display screen ~~according to~~ in accordance with attributes of the plurality of

regions stored in a region table;

rearranging the plurality of regions on the display screen in accordance with at least one feature parameter thereof that is at least one of the attributes of the plurality of regions; and

selecting a ~~predetermined~~ region ~~according to priorities corresponding to a feature parameter which is at least one of the attributes of the plurality of regions when the plurality of regions displayed on the display screen are overlapped.~~ by sequentially comparing an input coordinate with at least one of the rearranged regions, when the regions displayed by the display screen lie on top of one another.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program product configured to store~~ readable storage medium having a program ~~instructions of~~ stored thereon that is executable by a computer system to cause the computer system to execute a process for selecting one region from among a plurality of regions displayed on a display screen, said process executed by the computer comprising: ~~for execution on a computer system enabling the computer system to perform:~~

inputting coordinate information to the display screen;

displaying regions on the display screen ~~according to~~ in accordance with attributes of the plurality of regions stored in a region table;

rearranging the plurality of regions on the display screen in accordance with at least one feature parameter thereof that is at least one of the attributes of the plurality of regions; and

selecting a ~~given~~ region ~~according to priorities corresponding to a feature parameter which is at least one of the attributes of the plurality of regions when the plurality of regions displayed on the display screen are overlapped.~~ by sequentially comparing an input coordinate with at least one of the rearranged regions, when the regions displayed by the display screen lie on top of one another.

13. (New) The region selection device according to claim 1, wherein the region selection means sequentially compares the input coordinate with each of the regions until one of the regions is determined to be selected.

14. (New) The region selecting method according to claim 11, wherein the input coordinate is sequentially compared with each of the regions until one of the regions is determined to be selected.

15. (New) The storage medium according to claim 12, wherein the input coordinate is sequentially compared with each of the regions until one of the regions is determined to be selected.